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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend the case as listed below.

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## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 20-31 as set forth below.

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- 20. (New) The computer system as recited in claim 19 wherein the first node is configured to transmit a second command packet in a second virtual channel of the plurality of virtual channels, and wherein the second node is coupled to receive the second command packet and is configured to generate a second response packet in response to the second command packet, and wherein the second node is configured to transmit the second response packet in the response virtual channel.
- 21. (New) The computer system as recited in claim 19 wherein the plurality of virtual channels includes a non-posted command virtual channel and a probe virtual channel.